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HOLIDAY SPECIALS: remember to check our special page about programming and DXing, in time order: <http://www.worldofradio.com/holiday.html>

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** ARGENTINA. Cadena 3, Buenos Aires; December 22, 0732- on 15819.97 kHz in USB feeder, the program was consisted of OM tlk, pop music and loter a. At 0900 - "Buenos D as Argentina". Full ID was given at 0800 & 0900; "Transmite AIP75, Cadena 3, Buenos Aires, 99.1 FM, Integrante de Cadena 3 Argentina." (Shoji YAMADA, Tokyo, Japan, RNM, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Doubt the callsign would be AIP75; part of the A- series does belong to

Argentina, but AI- belongs to USA; would be interesting if they have started using A- callsigns on FM, instead of only part of the L-series for broadcasting stations (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. John Figliozi's RA previews Dec 21-24:

<http://www.topica.com/lists/swprograms/read/message.html?mid=1605757540&sort=d&start=12179>

include Xmas specials, and a lot of regular programs have gone on lengthy summer vacations. Keep up with RA by checking John's twice-weekly previews on this openly readable list (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. From

<http://www.cbc.ca/cgi-bin/templates/view.cgi?/news/2001/12/21/cbc011221>
Posted Fri Dec 21 16:31:55 2001

TORONTO - There is a tentative agreement in the labour dispute at the CBC. On Thursday, their union, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union met with the Corporation and the federally-appointed mediator. On Friday afternoon, the CBC announced a tentative deal. No details have been released. About 1,600 technicians have been off the job for two weeks. The technicians still have to vote on the agreement. The labour dispute knocked some local programming off the air, on both radio and television. The last strike by the CBC's technicians, in 1999, and lasted six weeks. Written by CBC News Online staff (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC/RCI previews for December 22-23: see Joe Buch's compilation at swprograms:

<http://www.topica.com/lists/swprograms/read/message.html?mid=1605752707&sort=d&start=12160>

SELECT PROGRAM DETAILS FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 2001 from:

<http://www.topica.com/lists/swprograms/read/message.html?mid=1605761080&sort=d&start=12210>

Times are for Toronto/Montreal Real Audio and satellite feeds. Add 5 hours to listed time for UT. [excerpts]

WORLD AT SIX:

Tonight on The World at Six, a special documentary report: New Yorkers - once known for their brusqueness - are showing signs of a new and uncharacteristic vulnerability. Mimi Tompkins talks with New Yorkers from all walks of life - therapists, florists, architects, musicians - as they head into the holidays. That's "The New New York," on The World at Six, tonight on CBC Radio One and CBC Radio Two.

AS IT HAPPENS:

Tonight, an As it Happens tradition continues, with the annual reading of "The Shepherd, Frederick Forsyth's touching story of a pilot in trouble during World War Two. It's read by the late, incomparable Alan Maitland. That's "The Shepherd," tonight on As It Happens, with Mary Lou Finlay and Barbara Budd at 6:30 (7:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

IDEAS:

Tonight on Ideas...The Bells of Europe. Many say it's the most famous radio documentary of all time. Made by Peter Leonard Braun of SFB Radio Berlin and winner of the Prix Italia. This English version was made for Ideas in 1990. Hear it tonight at 9:05 (9:35 NT) on CBC Radio One.

THE ARTS TODAY & BETWEEN THE COVERS:

This evening, The Arts Today and Between The Covers join forces for a special Christmas Eve show, with stories by Alistair MacLeod, Pierre Berton and Paul Keens-Douglas, plus poetry and music, all in the seasonal spirit. It all gets underway right after the 10 p.m. news (10:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

MISTLETOE & EGGNOG: ***pre-empts CBC Radio Overnight***

If you're up late wrapping Christmas gifts, or up early unwrapping them, join host Rick Phillips for Mistletoe & Eggnog, a feast of seasonal music that's guaranteed to be the perfect companion for your holiday. As usual, he'll have the Lutheran Mass for Christmas by Michael Praetorius, plus the whole Nutcracker - not the Suite, but the whole work. It all gets going late Christmas Eve, at 1:00 a.m. (1:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

-- RADIO TWO --

IN PERFORMANCE:

This evening on In Performance...tenor Hugues St-Gelais, accompanied on period instruments, in a concert of old carols from the British Isles, France and Spain. That's In Performance, with host Eric Friesen, starting at 8:00 p.m. (8:30 NT) on CBC Radio Two.

SELECT PROGRAM DETAILS FOR TUESDAY DECEMBER 25, 2001 from:

<http://www.topica.com/lists/swprograms/read/message.html?mid=1605761078&sort=d&start=12210>

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THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

Hear the annual Christmas Message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth this Christmas morning, starting at 11:50 a.m. (12:20 p.m. NT) on CBC Radio One.

THROAT CULTURES: A CELEBRATION OF THE HUMAN VOICE:

Tune in to CBC Radio One Christmas Day at noon for Throat Cultures: A Celebration of the Human Voice. It's everything from the gorgeous harmonies of choral music to the hypnotic rhythms of Inuit throat-singing. Host Ivan Emke samples vocal music from around the world for Throat Cultures, Christmas Day at noon (12:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF CANADA'S NORTH:

Want something a little unusual on Christmas Day? Tune in to A Day in the Life of Canada's North. It's a coast to coast journey across the North, an audio snapshot taken this past October 9th. Fly to Pangnirtung with a charter pilot, and meet the Iqaluit B & B owner who doubles as the town's undertaker and theatre owner. Have a bite at The Diner in Yellowknife, meet the medivac team, and sample the nightlife in Dawson City. That's A Day in the Life of Canada's North, Christmas Day at 4:05 (4:35 NT) on CBC Radio One.

-- RADIO TWO --

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

Hear the annual Christmas Message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth this Christmas morning, starting at 10:05 a.m. (10:35 NT) on CBC Radio Two.

TAKE FIVE:

Take Five gets underway a few minutes late on Christmas morning, to make way for the Queen's Message. Then, it's the Aradia Ensemble in Christmas with Marc-Antonie Charpentier. Charpentier's music is finally emerging after nearly 200 years of obscurity. This concert includes a series of noels, motets and oratorios from the French Baroque, written by Charpentier for vocal soloists and a small instrumental ensemble. That's Christmas morning on Take Five, with Shelley Solmes, at 10:15 (10:45 NT) on CBC Radio Two.

SELECT PROGRAM DETAILS FOR WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26, 2001 from:

<http://www.topica.com/lists/swprograms/read/message.html?mid=1605761079&sort=d&start=12210>

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NEW BEGINNINGS - A YEAR IN CANADA:

Boxing Day morning, join host Andy Barrie for New Beginnings: A Year in Canada. It's a chance to hear the stories of new Canadians who've spent the past year getting to know this country. Meet an 18-year-old Kosovar who's getting to know his class-mates in St. John's. And a coroner from South Africa who's happily adjusting to a much lower crime rate. Hear their stories and more, on New Beginnings: A Year in Canada, Boxing Day morning at 6 a.m. (6:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

THIS MORNING:

On the Boxing Day edition of This Morning...Fifty years of the National Ballet of Canada. Shelagh welcomes founder Celia Franca, along with a panel of dancers past and present and dance critic Michael Crabb. Shelagh also talks with two expatriate Afghans about the rebuilding of their homeland. Also, a feature interview with internationally known poet and author Robert Kroetsch. That's on This Morning, 9:06 to noon, (9:36 to 12:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

OUTFRONT:

This morning on OutFront...Listener Faves: Outfront listeners take over the show, and program their favorites from the past season. Today, Florence Silverstone in Montreal presents her choice - Me and Bruce Lee by freelancer Alexis Mazurin in Vancouver. Bruce Lee may have passed away but his teacher is still alive and kicking. Join martial arts freak, Alexis Mazurin, as he takes a trip to find this elusive master. That's this morning on OutFront, at 11:45 (12:15 NT) on CBC Radio One.

RADIO 101:

He was Marconi's rival and an all-Canadian broadcast pioneer. In fact, some people call Reginald Fessenden the true father of radio. On Boxing Day, just after the noon news (12:30 NT), CBC Radio One presents a two-hour salute to Fessenden called Radio 101. Exactly 101 years after Fessenden's first transmission of the human voice, host Steve Rukavina looks at the inventor's life and times. That's Radio 101, Boxing Day at noon (12:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

THE DANCING BOW:

Tune in to CBC Radio One Boxing Day for The Dancing Bow, a tribute to the fiddle. You'll hear folk music from Canada's Metis country to the mountains of Virginia, from old traditions to the newest trends. Join host Gordon Stobbe for a musical tour, on The Dancing Bow, Boxing Day at 4 p.m. (4:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

WORLD AT SIX:

Boxing Day on The World at Six...On Thin Ice. The Western Arctic is getting warmer and wetter just as scientists predicted. Is this the tip of a melting iceberg? People close to the land wonder what this change in climate could mean to their very survival. Join CBC Radio Science and Environment reporter Connie Watson on a journey to the North. That's Boxing Day on The World at Six, on CBC Radio One and CBC Radio Two. And check out the related interactive web page:
<http://radio.cbc.ca/news/w6docs/watson/index.html>

AS IT HAPPENS:

How many eccentrics can you fit into one radio program? As It Happens goes for the record this evening with an hour-long celebration of British Eccentrics. From the man who races snails to a sheep fair without the sheep, AIH collects the quirkiest guests of the year into one Boxing Day extravaganza. That's tonight on As It Happens, with Mary Lou Finlay and Barbara Budd at 6:30 (7:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

DISPATCHES:

Tonight on Dispatches, a little housekeeping: updates on stories that were displaced in the headlines by the events of September 11 and their aftermath. An assessment of the controversial Racism Conference in Durban; a visit to an amputee hospital for Chechnyan children; a look at the UN AIDS initiative in Africa; and the birth of a new country (East Timor). All that and more on Dispatches, with Rick MacInnes-Rae, tonight at 7:30 (8:00 NT) on CBC Radio One.

IDEAS:

Tonight on Ideas...Coyote's Song. One of nature's success stories, coyotes have expanded from the Great Plains across most of North America, even living happily in urban parks. Ideas producer Dave Redel reflects on the science and mythology of the wily coyote. That's tonight on Ideas at 9:05 (9:35 NT) on CBC Radio One.

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(via Joe Buch -- Infidel and proud of it, swprograms via DXLD)
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** CHINA. This week I happened to hear what appears to be two Chinese signals on the 49 meter band. One station was heard with time signals at 2300 on 6165 (underneath Croatia), which suggests a CNR outlet; another was heard at 0000 on 6190 (underneath DLF-Germany) with "The East is Red" IS, which suggests a different Chinese regional service. Any hints on what I might be hearing on those channels? (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia, Dec 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. I have looked up DW's web site and the 9,510 kHz frequency is listed along side the existing ones, so it appears to be an additional frequency to provide better reception into Australia because this 9,510 is giving me the best reception in Port Macquarie which is strong and clear, followed by 17,820 then 17,845 and 7,300 with 6,160 being the worst and also suffering bad static from thunderstorms (Michael Stevenson, N.S.W., EDXP via DXLD)

Padula had previously reported 9510 would replace 6160 at 0900 via Antigua (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1110, DXLD)

** ISLE OF MAN [non]. I read a report that said that Paul Rusling proposed the antenna structure to be unmanned. This seems very brave to leave an expensive 500 kW transmitter five miles offshore with little or no protection. If a fault happened in bad weather how long would it take get spare parts there and work on site without catering and other facilities. Presumably the power would not be generated on site but use a high voltage cable buried beneath the sea bed to prevent ships anchors ripping it up. To me it seems one hell of an expensive way of getting on air, only to be undercut by stations that do not have such high overheads. The Dutch project Delta/The Lounge seems to have foundered with escalating costs and diminishing advertising expectations. My thoughts... (Andy Cadier, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. Today (Dec 21) I heard Radio Madagascar on exact frequency of 5010.0 kHz (ex 5009.5) at 1715 UT. Stronger signal than usual... Merry Christmas to everybody, (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic (Czechia), AOR AR-7030 80 m Long Wire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5010.0, Radio Madagasikara, 1700 Dec 22, sounded like they were signing on ? with frequencies in French but more numbers (also in French) after that. Still with talk at 1725. Strange, I didn't hear this station for quite some time, but now it's here (again?) with a fair signal. It has been on 5010.0 for a few months already, instead of 5009v. 73 (Piet Pijpers, Netherlands, BDXC via DXLD)

** NEWFOUNDLAND [non]. Marconi knew the veracity of his claims would be challenged and indeed they were. He also knew how to play the scientific game. So a few weeks after the trial, he loaded his equipment on S.S. Philadelphia. Instead of a headphone receiver, Marconi and his engineers used a telegraph relay and a Morse inker so there would be a permanent record of the signals received. Complete messages with dots AND dashes were received at a range of 1551 miles from the transmitter site at Cornwall. Signals were detected but not copied at a distance of 2,100 miles. The demonstration was witnessed by the Captain of the ship and the first officer as well as passengers.

The captain signed the registers tapes as a witness to the events. When the Philadelphia pulled into NY harbor, Marconi handed the signed register tapes to the reporters who had waited for him and said, "This merely confirms what I have previously done in Newfoundland. There is no longer any question about the ability of wireless telegraphy to transmit messages across the Atlantic." Within a year Marconi was the most interviewed man in the world. The rest is history. You can read the complete story in AWA Review Vol. 9, 1995 -- 73 de (K5RW, Neal McEwen, at "The Telegraph Office", nmcewen@metronet.com A WWW Page for Telegraph Key Collectors and Historians http://www.metronet.com/~nmcewen/tel_off.html via Horacio Nigro, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. Dear Glenn, Radio Norway is presently broadcasting this message:

"The Foreign service closes by the end of this year, and from Jan. 1st we'll broadcast our home service programme 'Always News' during daytime UT, and the NRK 1st programme during nighttime UT, instead.

Our Europe programme on 1314 kHz from Kvitsoy will continue as before. More info at info@nrk.no "

(This is just what I had expected). Denmark continues as before. All the best, (Erik K'ie, Radio Denmark, Dec 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Yesterday the Radio station by the name of "Azad Kashmir Radio, Traarkhal" from Islamabad, Pakistan was observed on a new frequency 4770 kHz (ex 4790). Whether it was a test or change in freq is yet to be established. 73s, (Harjot Singh Brar, Punjab, Dec 21 for GRDXC via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Hello all! Is there anyone out there who knows if Radio Western, PNG 3305 is active on this frequency in the European evenings? Last night (Dec 20th.) there were weak signals a.o. others from SIBC 5019,9, Radio New Ireland 3904,98 and Radio Manus 3315, but also at 2020 UT fractions of a program on 3305. Antennas, music (the little that was heard) and time (although being some minutes late maybe) point at Indonesia/PNG-area. I can't think of anything else but PNG here. Best regards from (Jan Edh, Hudiksvall, Sweden (DX-ing in Fredriksfors), Dec 21, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Jan, R Western has been heard the past few evenings here in the Pacific Northwest (WCNA) on 3305 until 1200 UT. Of course, this isn't the time you are requesting, but it is an active station unlike so many of the other PNGs. Best regards (Don Nelson, Oregon, Dec 22, ibid.)

** RUSSIA. Colleagues, If you will send any electronic reception

reports to Radio Center please send a copy of your report to my e-mail address timofeyev@sp.ru Let's hope our signal will be able to reach the east coast at least. Thank you in advance for any help... (Mikhail Timofeyev, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

So a timely reminder that the tests are about to start UT Dec 23, 0300-0500 on 5925, and resume the following two nights (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non?]. I heard Radio Hit FM (Russia) relayed on 2593.5 kHz USB on DEC 20 around 0100 UTC. Merry Christmas to everybody, (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic (Czechia), AOR AR-7030 80 m Long Wire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Hello Glenn, Today Dec 22 from 1600 to 1615 UT I listened to an English transmission from Saudi Arabia during which a male and female narrator described the works of a famous Arabian poet (Taha?). The reception was good, S9 on my signal strength meter. My receiver is a Grundig Satellit 800 using a 45 feet dipole antenna. 73's (Ron Melanson, Bathurst, NB, Canada, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That would be 21600 on late by mistake, unless it was really on 21598v, UAE (gh, DXLD)

** SOUTH AMERICAN PIRATES -Times UT

*RADIO COCHIGUAZ will be active hoisting the pirate flag, testing on 11440 khz USB, according to this schedule:

-Sun 23 Dic 2001: -> 0200-0300 -> 1300-1400

-For reports write to: (Pls add return postage) -Radio Cochiguaz, Box 159, Santiago 14, CHILE. FFFR, ;-) (Cachito, Radio Cochiguaz op., Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** TATARSTAN. Hi Glenn, Regarding the QSL I reported, I just would like to tell you that I sent my reception report to Voice of Tatarstan on October 15 and received the QSL on November 5th; therefore it was BEFORE Voice of Tatarstan announced that they were no longer opening letters from USA. I am sorry for the misunderstanding. It took quite a long time for me to get organized and send my latest QSL cards to Cumbre DX. From now on I will try to send only "fresh" information about my QSL's (Marcelo Toniolo, NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Without wishing to offend anyone, the idea displays a touching naivety about the way things work in modern Britain. It reinforces my view that many Americans have idealised notions of a Britain that ceased to exist long ago. Many of the quaint customs such as the "boon" (which I had never heard of before) may well be still legally in force, but fell into disuse decades, or even centuries, ago.

The fact is, that for all its faults, Britain is a democracy, and while the Queen is formally Head of State (something Margaret Thatcher famously forgot on one occasion), she does not involve herself directly in the day to day affairs of state. She is briefed once a week by the Prime Minister, and is believed to have strong opinions, and presumably conveys these to the PM, but she never expresses them to anyone else outside the Royal circle.

The Palace employs a large number of staff to handle mail, and the Queen sees very little of it herself. But even if she did, I'm not sure she'd support shortwave over Internet. Apparently she's going to do a text message version of her Christmas Message this year, and is reported to be remarkably Net-savvy for a lady in her 70's.

You might actually have more luck with HRH Prince Charles, who seems to be more of a traditionalist than his mother. And he does get personally involved in issues that concern him (Andy Sennitt, ex-UK, swprograms via DXLD)

Note, Andy: it was a Canadian, not an American, who came up with the boon idea, admittedly based on ancient history. Why not go with it, for very little effort; it couldn't hurt (gh, DXLD)

** U K. Recent information, publicised on Radio Sweden's Mediascan and VOA's Communications World, has indicated that Spectrum 558 in London carries WRN programming overnight between 0100 and 0400 UT. I can confirm that this happens on Monday-Friday, but it does not appear to be the case over the weekend. When tuning in on Saturday 22 December, for example, the station carried local programming in the 0100-0200 hour, and was going to do so in the 0200-0300 hour as well, at which point I gave up and went to sleep (Paul David, England, Dec 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re possible format change at WSM-650:

I urge members to read this [previously linked] and keep an ear open for possible changes to this station. WSM is one of the most important stations in the history of American radio broadcasting. If you've never heard the Grand Ole Opry, try tuning it in on 650 kHz, Saturday from 1830 to midnight. I believe the broadcast is originating from Ryman Auditorium from now until late February 2002. The Ryman is the Opry's most famous home and is now a designated historic landmark. The Opry moved from there to their new home in 1974. Even if you are not a country music fan (and I'm not), if you've never heard the broadcast you'll be in for a treat. Nobody else does it live anymore! 73, (Ori VA30RI Siegel, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA, ODXA via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Hi, today (Dec 21) I heard a relay of VOA on 5005 kHz before 1700 UT. The language could be Bangla? They often mentioned Bangladesh. VOA-ID at 1659 and then sign off. Could it be a Nepal relay? Merry Christmas to everybody, GOOD DX, (Karel Honzik, the Czech Republic (Czechia), AOR AR-7030 80 m Long Wire, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

UNKNOWN: 5005,0 UNID 1535-1659* Dec 22, drifting in with unID language, some local (?) music, steadily strengthening signal with talk about Taliban, mentioning Pakistan. At 1659:30 s/off with 'This program was brought to you from the Voice of America'. Weak to poor signal (Piet Pijpers, Netherlands, BDXC via DXLD)

2001 CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY SURVEY

During the year 2001 the activity of political clandestine stations broadcasting on shortwave has increased by 4.7 % to 1432 Weekly Broadcasting Hours (WBHs). After almost a decade of decreasing activity during the 1990s this is the second year of increased activity in a row.

Clandestine activity to Asian target areas has increased by 9.1 % to 1045 WBHs, while activity on the African continent dropped by 7 % to 211 WBHs. The activity to target areas on the American continent has remained unchanged at 176 WBHs. The number of active target areas (countries) worldwide has increased by one to 21. Newly reactivated target areas are Vietnam (last previous activity in 1994), Cambodia (1997) and Nigeria (1998). On the other hand, Papua New Guinea and the Democratic Republic of Congo are thought to be no longer active. The three most active target areas worldwide are Iraq with 367 WBHs (+8 when compared with last year), Korea DPR with 217 WBHs (unchanged) and Cuba with 162 WBHs (unchanged). (Mathias Kropf, Germany, Dec 22 via DXLD) #####